

Claudia Balducci

Mayor Claudia Balducci, on the City Council since 2004, has played a key role representing Bellevue on regional transportation issues. As a member of the Sound Transit Board of directors, she helps guide the development of the East Link light rail line, which will have six stops in Bellevue. Claudia also chairs the Transportation Policy Board of the Puget Sound Regional Council.

A past chair of the Eastside Transportation Partnership, Claudia supported early and intensive public involvement in the East Link project. She served on Bellevue's Light Rail Best Practices Committee, which helped develop a policy foundation for implementing light rail here in a way that meets residents' needs.

A resident of Lake Hills, Claudia serves as the council's liaison with the East Bellevue Community Council. She is a member of the Lake Hills Shopping Center Stakeholder Group, an effort that marked her entry into public service in the early 2000s as an advocate for revitalization of Lake Hills.

Claudia is also liaison to the Bellevue Arts Commission, which advises the council on arts issues in Bellevue, including funding for local artists and arts groups.

Seattle Magazine honored Claudia as one of "Seattle's Most Influential People of 2014." She was manager of the Criminal Justice Improvement Section in the King County Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget, until she stepped down in early 2015. Before that, from 2010 to 2014, she was director of King County's Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention.

Claudia volunteers with the King County Bar Association Cross-cultural Family Law Clinic and is a former board member for King County Women Lawyers. She earned a law degree from Columbia University and a bachelor's degree from Providence College.

A longtime Bellevue resident, Claudia lives in Lake Hills with her husband Jim and son Victor.

Council Assignments and Appointments

- U.S. Conference of Mayors
- Eastside Transportation Partnership Steering Committee Alternate
- PSRC Executive Board
- PSRC Transportation Policy Board Chair
- Sound Transit Board of Directors
- Arts Commission Liaison
- East Bellevue Community Council
- Probation Advisory Board Liaison
- Leadership Committee for Wrap Around Services

Past Assignments and Appointments

- Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Legislative Committee
- Eastside Transportation Partnership (ETP)
- Puget Sound Regional Council Executive (PSRC) Board Alternate
- Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Transportation Policy Board
- West Lake Sammamish Parkway Study Group Liaison
- Wrap-Around Services at Lake Hills Elementary Liaison
- Firemen's Pension Board
- Disability Board
- Transportation Commission Liaison
- Light Rail Best Practices Committee Liaison
- Youth Link Board Liaison
- Regional Issues Committee

Community Service

- Member, Lake Hills Shopping Center Stakeholder Group
- Volunteer, King County Bar Association Cross-Cultural Family Law Clinic
- Boardmember, King County Washington Women Lawyers, 1994 - 1998

Employment

- King County -
 - Manager of the Criminal Justice Improvement Section in the Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget, 2014-2015
 - Director, Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention, 2010-2014
 - Regional Jail Coordinator, 2006-2010
 - Labor Negotiator, 2003-2006
 - Human Resources Manager, Adult & Juvenile Detention, 2000-2003
 - Labor Analyst, 1999-2000
- Seattle Law Firms specializing in Labor Law -
 - Stokes Lawrence, P.S., 1996-1999
 - Riddell, Williams, Bullitt & Walkinshaw, 1993-1996

Education

- B.A., Providence College, Providence, R.I.
- Visiting Student, Blackfriars College, Oxford, UK
- Member, Oxford Women's Basketball Team
- Juris Doctorate, Columbia University School of Law
- Visiting Student, University of Washington Law School